



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Your Love Awakens Me**

Confession & Forgiveness | **Kyrie** ELW p.184 | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Ezekiel 2:1-5 *Pew Bible p.673* | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 *Pew Bible p.943*

Alleluia ELW p.188 | Mark 6:1-13 *Pew Bible p.817*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Lord, You Give the Great Commission** ELW 579

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Forever**

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW p.190

Distribution: **Lamb of God** ELW p.191 | **Holy Forever**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **To Be Your Presence** ELW 546

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Lara Sieja | Lector: Bill Henze | Acolyte: Payton Sieja

Ushers: Norwood Cutter & Bob Dombos | Tech Volunteer: Rob Caple

Communion Assistants: Bill Henze & Payton Sieja

Coffee Host: Les Billman

St. Mark's Celebrates Open Communion

which means none are turned away from Christ's table. We believe Christ is fully present in the bread and wine, and no less present in our gluten-free and alcohol-free options. If you wish instead to receive a blessing, you may signify this by crossing your arms over your chest.

We Welcome the Joy, Laughter, Sights, and Sounds of Children in Worship!

There are children's activity bulletins and worship activity bags available - just ask our ushers. If a moment out of the sanctuary is needed, a toy-filled nursery and changing table are available too, however, we ask that an adult family member stay present at all times.

The Peace of the Lord be with You Always...

Every time we gather, we hear a proclamation of Christ's peace upon us, and we respond, "and also with you." And then we're invited to share that peace with one another. Some congregations rigorously time this interaction lest it cut into the schedule, while other congregations unhurriedly take their time to greet every single person in attendance. Some congregations begin their worship by sharing the peace, other end their assembly with this peace sharing, and still others insert this interaction into the middle of the service. But what is the purpose of this peaceful pause? It's more than just a stretch break or a way to tell the introverts from the extroverts. Rather, it is a time to seek reconciliation with one another. More than just a friendly greeting, the sharing of the peace is a time to seek out those whom we have wronged or those with whom we have been in conflict and extend a sign of peace. We work to resolve our disagreements and make amends for our wrongs so that we restore unity to the body of Christ. Sharing the peace is an act of worship that seeks to end division and help us see the image of God in each of our siblings in Christ.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Dennis and Hilda Fakes in celebration of the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

By the Numbers: Sunday, June 30, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 127 | Online Views: 55

General Offerings

Last Week: \$16,026.65 | YTD: \$327,198 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

For your convenience, online giving can be accessed through this QR Code:



This Week We are Praying for...

All in the path of hurricanes, especially in the Caribbean | All who live with disabilities, especially those who struggle to access adequate healthcare, and those whose contributions to the world are continually undervalued | The St. Mark's Hospital Hospitality Ministry that gathers monthly to make treats for healthcare workers | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Becky Altvater, Pat Barber, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Marion Fallon, Harold Jensen, Aaron Johnson, Mary Leo, Jeannette Maldonado, Anne Martin, Curt Medalen, Suzy Newill, Karin Offik, Frank Ontiveros, John Pearson, Larry Potts, Debbie Rutecki, Peg Skrenes, Mija Stockman, Ed Uher, and Kim Williams.

For your convenience, prayer cards are available in the pews to share your joys and concerns and can be placed in the offering plate. You may also send an email to prayer@stmarkshsv.org or call the church office at 256.539.4361.

Hospital Hospitality Ministry

Meets today after worship! We're preparing sweet & salty snacks for the 50 employees of WellStone Inc. a local behavioral healthcare provider. Your help is appreciated!

Godly Play

We are excited to announce a new Sunday Learning curriculum for our elementary kiddos - coming this fall! Godly Play encourages a very hands-on approach to learning, using object lessons to teach Biblical stories. There are brochures available in Communication Central with more details and a wish list of items to make Godly Play a success. If you would like to donate monetarily to a lesson, visit our online giving page. Questions? Please contact Traci.

WELCA Health Kits

This year, WELCA has undertaken a project to put together and provide personal care kits for those in need. Anyone interested is challenged to prepare 3-5 kits to support this project. Details and shopping lists are available in Communication Central.

What's Next? - Sign Up in Communication Central

Check out the sign up board in Communication Central for information on upcoming events. Something new and exciting is always on the horizon! Supper Club, Faith & Fiction, WELCA, Summer Events, and more!

Sunday Sit-In Choir is Back!

Four Sundays throughout the summer we'll have the chance to come together before worship, learn a simpler choir piece, and then sing it in worship during communion. We'll meet at 9:15am on the following Sundays: July 14, and July 28.

It's Almost Time!

Time to what, you ask? Time for worship, but at a different time! Starting Sunday, August 18, we'll be meeting for Sunday Learning at 9:15am with worship at 10:30am.

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